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Emergency Drill to be Conducted at Maryville Treatment Center

Staff of the Missouri Department of Corrections' Maryville Treatment Center (MTC) will be conducting an emergency drill on Wednesday, Oct. 18. The drill will be an escape scenario, and will focus on training staff in procedures and quick response techniques.

The siren will be sounded at about 6:15 a.m. that day, signifying a lockdown of the institution. Mobile patrols will be used outside the fence. Missouri's 20 adult institutions conduct similar drills once a year. During the past few years, Maryville Treatment Center has conducted drills consisting of hostage situations, fires and hazardous incidents.

"The best way to be prepared for an emergency is to practice various emergency contingencies," MTC Superintendent Joe Ledbetter said.

The drill will be conducted on the grounds of the facility and will involve the MTC Emergency Squad and various staff from all shifts. Superintendent Ledbetter's staff has notified Maryville and Nodaway County law enforcement about the drill.

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